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SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF BENGALIS AND PAKISTANIS

1. AT INFORMAL MEETING TODAY UNHCR SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN FOLLOWED UP UNSYG'S APPEAL OF SEPT 13, 1973 CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT SOME TERMS OF AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN NEW DELHI AUG 28, 1973 FOR SOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM IN SUB-CONTINENT. THE SYG DESIGNATED THE HCR TO ACT AS EXECUTING AGENT IN THE REPATRIATION OF BENGALIS AND PAKISTANIS TO THEIR HOMELANDS. COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING WERE AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, INDIA, FRANCE, JAPAN, FINLAND, BANGLADESH, UK, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, NORWAY, NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN AND US.

2. HCR SKETCHED THE UN EFFORTS PRIOR TO THE NEW DELHI AGREEMENT AND STATED THAT TO DATE 9,000 PERSONS HAD ALREADY BEEN REPATRIATED THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS OF THE UNHCR'S GOOD OFFICES. HCR APPEALED TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR \$14.3 MILLION TO AIRLIFT 60,000 PAKISTANIS (BIHARIS)

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FROM BANGLADESH AND 150,000 BENGALIS FROM PAKISTAN

SUPPLEMENTING THE ONGOING OPERATION. INCLUDED IN \$14.3 MILLION BUDGET ESTIMATE IS TEN PERCENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCLUDING RELEVANT ICRC ACTIVITIES.

3. UNHCR URGED THAT PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS. HE ESTIMATED THAT ONCE FUNDS (CASH OR IN KIND) ARE ASSURED REPATRIATION OF THE 210,000 WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 4-6 MONTHS.

4. MISSION EXPECTS RECEIVE DETAILED AIDE MEMOIRE ON THIS SUBJECT FROM UNHCR SEPT 20. WILL TRANSMIT.
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